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McKenzie Tipple
Mount Savage
Private

c. 1930

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McKenzie Tipple

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Just west of Blank Rd., approx. 3/4 mile NW of its intersection with New School Rd.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mt. Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES- RESTRICTED☐ YES- UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☒ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

40-1-A-257

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McKenzie Coal Tipple is a simple timber tipple, consisting of a wood frame and metal chute. It operated in the 1930s. It is situated on the side of a steep slope with the metal chute designed simply as a slide with a trough at the lower end. This opening could be regulated with a lever to control the amount of coal being loaded into tram cars or wagons below. The wood frame at the lower end of the metal chute was designed as a backdrop for the dumped coal.

The metal chute measures approximately twenty feet long; the wood frame approximately fifteen feet wide and twenty feet high.

The McKenzie Tipple, used in a small-scale coal operation, closely resembles the timber tipples used in fire clay mining. Fire clay mining is the predominate type of mining in this immediate area, the western slope of Big Savage Mountain, to three miles west of the town of Mount Savage, which may explain why the design of this tipple is more typical of fire clay tipples.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Local sources in the Mt. Savage vicinity call this tipple the McKenzie Tipple, although according to a map of "Active Coal Mines in the Georges Creek Basin-1930" found in Dean Mellander's Rails to the Big Vein-The Short Lines of Allegany County, MD the McManis Mine is located closer to this tipple than the McKenzie Mine. Both mines were small scale deep coal mines which operated during the 1930s.

The design of tipples varied according to the size of the coal mine and the function that was required. In a large operation, the tipple was equipped to sort the coal, a process of separating the coal into different sizes. In smaller mines, coal was sorted by hand either in the mine or at the mouth of the mine, taken to the tipple and dumped into empty tram cars.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

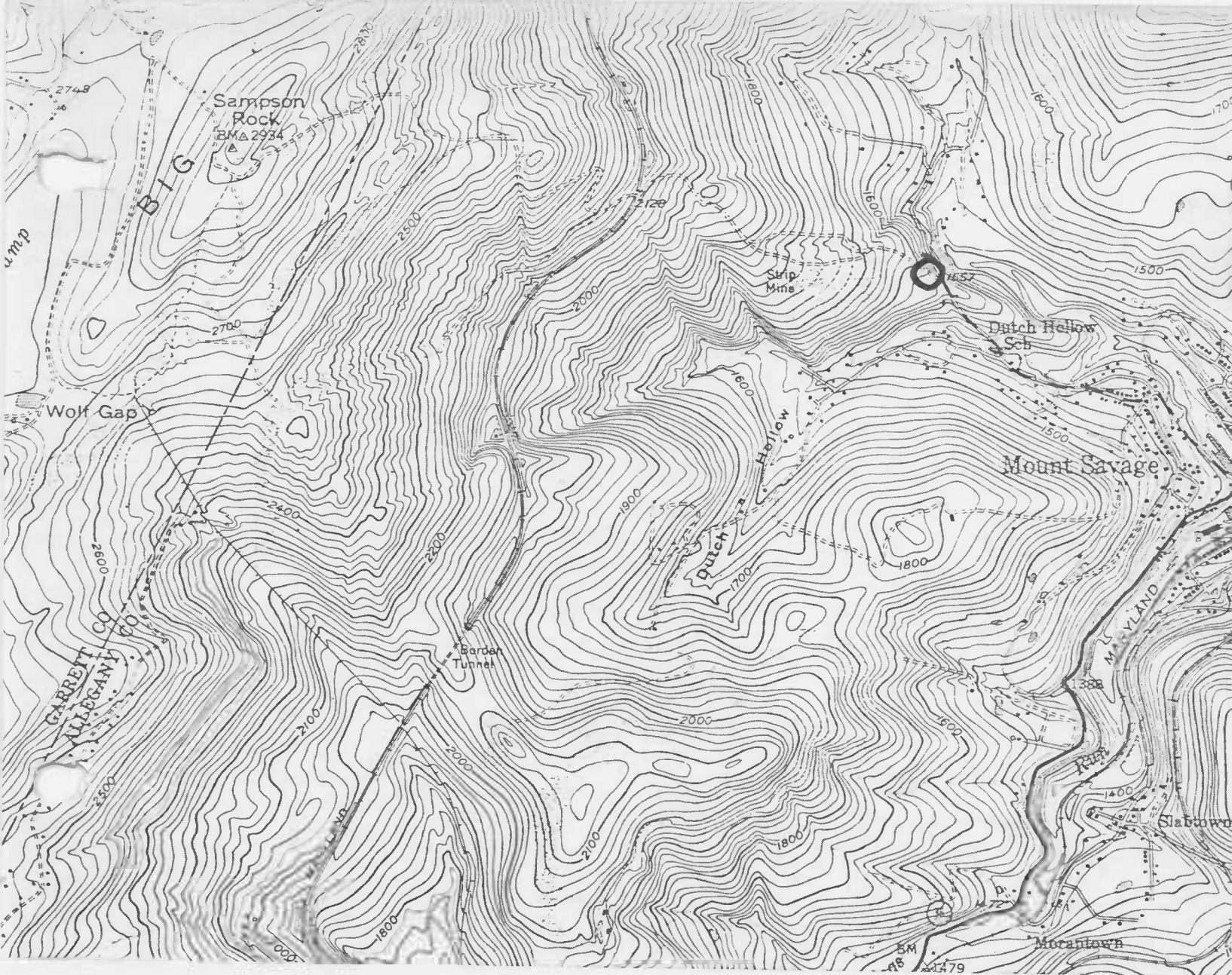
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Maryland 21401

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Just west of Blank Road, approx.
3/4 mile NW of its intersection
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McKenzie Tipple
Allegany County
David Dorsey 10/80
Looking northeast